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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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SUBJ: BUDGET - EXPENDITURES FOR NEW HOUSING

1. EMBASSY HAS FOUND AND WISHES TO LEASE ON SHORT-TERM BASIS AN ADDITIONAL APARTMENT (ADDITIONAL TO THAT REQUESTED IN BUCHAREST 2544 AND APPROVED IN STATE 139687) TO BE USED FOR STAFF PERSONNEL. THIS WILL BE THIRD OF FIVE NEW HOUSING UNITS REQUESTED BY EMBASSY FROM ODCD EARLY THIS YEAR FOR NEW PERSONNEL ARRIVING AT POST. LEASE EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED AROUND SEPTEMBER 1. RENT AND UTILITIES WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$185 AND \$60 PER MONTH, RESPECTIVELY. EMBASSY URGENTLY NEEDS THIS APARTMENT AND REQUESTS BUREAU APPROVAL FOR FUNDING. ODCD IS BEING PRESSED BY OTHERS FOR SAME APARTMENT AND HAS REQUESTED OUR REPLY BY JULY 31. IF BUREAU APPROVES REQUEST, WE EXPECT THAT ALL THREE APARTMENTS WILL BE OCCUPIED AS SOON AS FURNISHINGS CAN BE OBTAINED, PROBABLY WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM NOW.

2. PROBLEM OF FURNISHING NEW APARTMENTS REMAINS SERIOUS. WE URGENTLY NEED, (1) \$4,500 TO COMPLETE FURNISHING AN APARTMENT (PROGRAM) ACQUIRED IN LATE FY-73, AND (2) TO COMPLETELY FURNISH APARTMENT (PROGRAM) MENTIONED IN BUCHAREST 2544 AND APARTMENT (SHARED) IN PARA 1 THIS TELEGRAM. FIRST OF THESE TWO LATTER APARTMENTS IN MAJOR REPRESENTATIONAL APARTMENT REQUIRING SOME MODIFICATIONS TO KITCHEN AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$700 PLUS COMPLETE FURNISHINGS AT COST OF \$15,000. SECOND OF THESE TWO APARTMENTS, ALTHOUGH

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NON-REPRESENTATIONAL, WILL REQUIRE A STRUCTURAL MODIFICATION AT

COST OF \$600 PLUS FURNISHINGS AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$10,000.  
THEREFORE, TOTAL NEEDED FOR THREE APARTMENTS BY ALLOTMENT IS PROGRAM  
(2 APTS) \$20,200 AND SHARED (1 APT) \$10,600. WHILE EMBASSY  
RECOGNIZES THESE ARE LARGE SUMS AND POSSIBLY DIFFICULT TO APPROVE  
AT THIS POINT IN FISCAL YEAR, WE NEVERTHELESS WILL BE UNABLE  
TO HOUSE NEW PERSONNEL UPON ARRIVAL OR EVEN SOON THEREAFTER  
IF FUNDS NOT FORTHCOMING NOW. EMBASSY HAS IN LAST FEW MONTHS LOCATED  
SOME NEW AND, FOR MANY ITEMS OF FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES, MORE  
ECONOMICAL SUPPLIERS, AND ABOVE CALCULATIONS, ALTHOUGH HIGH,  
ARE REALISTIC SUMS FOR ITEMS NEEDED. FURTHERMORE, LEAD TIME REQU-  
IRED TO PLACE AND RECEIVE ORDERS AND INSTALL FURNISHINGS REQUIRES  
ORDERING NOW OR UNAVOIDABLE LONG STAY IN HOTEL FOR NEW PERSONNEL  
WHEN THEY ARRIVE. YEAR-END FUNDS GRANTED BY BUREAU IN FY-73  
HAVE HELPED CONSIDERABLY TO BEGIN MEETING NEEDS FOR NEW HOUSING,  
BUT FAR MORE IS NEEDED. (QUESTION OF NEED TO REPLACE SOME FURNISHINGS

IN EXISTING RESIDENCES HAS NOT EVEN COME UP DUE TO EXTREMELY  
HIGH PRIORITY OF NEW RESIDENCES).

3. EMBASSY WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF  
NEW LEASE MENTIONED IN PARA 1 BY COB WASHINGTON JULY 30 AND OF  
FUNDS FOR CRITICAL FURNISHINGS REQUESTED IN PARA 2. NEED IS URGENT  
AND NOTHING MORE APPEARS  
POSSIBLE WITHOUT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM DEPARTMENT.  
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